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SUBJ: CURRENT TRENDS IN EE MEAT EXPORTS

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VIENNA FOR EWTC.

1. EEC BAN ON MEAT IMPORTS HAS SEVERELY AFFECTED HUNGARIAN FRESH, NCROZEN MEAT AND LIVE ANIMAL EXPORLF, WHICH OVER YEARS HAS DEVELOPED INTO ONE OF COUNTRY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT EARNERS OF HARD CURRENCY. WHILE COMPLETE 1973 FIGURES NOT

YET AVAILABLE, STATISTICS FOR 1972 INDICATE THAT IN THAT YEAR HUNGARY DELIVERED \$185 MILLION IN LIVE ANIMAL AND \$115 MILLION IN MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS TO NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS TO ITALY, GERMANY AND HOLLAND WERE ABOUT 90,000 TONS (\$100 MILLION), 10,000 TONS (\$11 MILLION) AND 6,200 TONS (\$5 MILLION),

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RESPECTIVELY, WHILE CHILLED BEEF SALES TO ITALY ACCOUNTED

FOR ADDITIONAL \$22 MILLION. TOTAL VALUE OF MEAT EXPORTS  
IN 1973 ARE ESTIMATED TO BE THOUGHT  
THAT OF 1972 ALTHOUGH  
QUANTITY AND VALUE OF BEEF SHIPMENTS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY  
UP AND WORTH OF LIVE AND CHILLED BEEF SALES TO ITALY

ALONE WAS BETWEEN \$150-170. SWINE EXPORTS WERE SLIGHTLY  
OFF IN 1973, DUE TO SERIOUS OUTBREAK OF HOOF AND MOUTH  
DISEASE IN FIRST MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

2. ECONOMIC DAILY VILAGGAZDASAG REPORTS AUGUST 3 THAT  
EEC BAN ON MEAT IMPORTS THROUGH NOVEMBER WILL RESULT IN  
LOSS TO HUNGARY OF SALES OF 100,000 HEAD OF CATTLE AND  
6,000 TONS OF CHILLED MEAT. WHILE HUNGARIANS BEGAN EFFORT  
TO FIND OTHER HARD CURRENCY OUTLETS FOR MEAT SOON AFTER  
ITALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ANNOUNCED IN MAY THESE APPEAR  
TO HAVE MET WITH LITTLE OR NO SUCCESS. USSR IS APPARENTLY  
TAKING SOME OF SURPLUS AS SAME AUGUST 3 VILAGGAZDASAG  
ARTICLE  
REPORTS CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS FOR  
SALE OF UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF BEEF AND PORK.

3. STRONG PRESS CRITICISM OF EEC BAN ON MEAT IMPORTS  
AND SUGGESTION THAT SOME FORM OF RETALIATION MIGHT HAVE  
TO BE CONSIDERED ARE PERHAPS MEASURE OF BOTH HUNGARIAN  
PIQUE AND DEGREE OF DAMAGE CAUSED TO LOCAL MEAT INDUSTRY.  
IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S QUESTION OF "WHAT LESSONS MIGHT  
BE DRAWN FROM RECENT EXPERIENCE", DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE  
MINISTER BACZONI REPLIED "HUNGARY MUST CONTINUE TO  
DEVELOP MARKET RELATIONS WITH THOSE NON-COMMUNIST

COUNTRIES FROM WHOM WE NEED NOT FEAR SUCH SURPRISES".

4. 1972 EXPORT STATISTICS:

QUANTITY	WORTH 1000
1000 KILOS	DEVISA FORINTS

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LIVE CATTLE AND VEAL	111,692	1,169,984
LIVE PORK	49,448	296,238
LIVE SHEEP	20,917	166,547
SALAMI	5,572	156,073
POULTRY HQ NF	66,942	521,248
RAW BEEF AND VEAL	16,682	296,810
RAW PORK	36,664	295,491
RAW MEAT - TOTAL	58,257	662,253

(NOTE: \$1 EQUALS 9.15 DEVISA FORINTS).  
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